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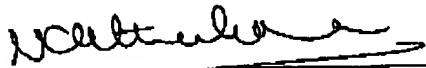
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RESPONSE AND ELECTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 12, 2002, Applicants hereby respectfully elect Group 6 (claims 20-24) with traverse. Applicants further acknowledge the Examiner's position that one or more of the non-elected groups could be rejoined if claims within Group 6 are found allowable without significant (further) limitation.

In the interest of having the instant case prosecuted, Applicants elect the following species:

- (a) Motexafin Gadolinium (MGd) as the agent that accumulates in neoplastic tissue in accordance with Claim 20, step (a);
- (b) Ascorbate as the cellular metabolite in accordance with Claim 20, step (a);
- (c) Ascorbate as the "cellular metabolite" in accordance with Claim 20, step (c);
- (d) (ii) Ionizing radiation is not required required.